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MOTION TO SUPPORT H.R. 1210 (WAXMAN, D-CA), THE HOLOCAUST VICTIMS INSURANCE RELIEF ACT OF 2003 (ITEM NO. 48, AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 18, 2003)

Item No. 48 on the November 18, 2003 Agenda is a recommendation from the Commission on Insurance that the Board support H.R. 1210 (Waxman, D-CA), the Holocaust Victims Insurance Relief Act of 2003 and send a letter to President Bush requesting his support of H.R. 1210. The Commission also asks the Board to authorize it to support Holocaust Family Survivors, Bet Tzedek and B'nai Brith in their attempts to secure compensation by co-sponsoring two community information fairs, and to send notices to the media regarding the December 31, 2003 deadline to register people rightfully entitled to compensation. Finally, the Commission requests that the Board work with other governing bodies, jurisdictions and organizations, encouraging their support to aid and protect survivors and their heirs and their right as insured to receive compensation.

H.R. 1210 would establish the Holocaust Insurance Registry to be maintained by an Archivist, require certain disclosures by insurance companies, establish a \$5,000 per day penalty for failure to comply with the disclosure requirements, require the sharing of this information with states that request it, and allow states to enact their own disclosure laws.

H.R. 1210 was introduced on March 11, 2003 and referred to the House Committees on Financial Services and Government Reform. There were 63 co-sponsors. On March 25, 2003, the bill was referred to the Subcommittee on technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, and on March 28, 2003, it was

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referred to the Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises. To date, no hearings have been held and no other action has been taken on the bill.

There is no Board policy on this issue. **Therefore, a County position on Holocaust victims' insurance relief is a matter for Board determination.**

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